

BALTIMORE CITY--COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR:12
AREA:Jonestown

SURVEY NO.: B-4181
MAGI NO.: 0441818404

ADDRESS:916-928 Watson Street
CURRENT NAME:

BLOCK:1360 LOT:1-7
HEIGHT:2-3
CONDITION:

LOT SIZE:
MATERIALS:Brick
OWNER:
ADDRESS:
ACCESSIBLE:
LIBER/FOLIO:

HISTORIC NAME:
DATE:
ARCHITECT/BUILDER:
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE):
DESCRIPTION:

916-928 Watson St. is located on the north side of the street between Exeter and High Sts. in the Jonestown Planning District of eastern central Baltimore, MD. The block is made up of 6 buildings, 2 of which are commercial (920, 926). The vast majority of windows and doors have been removed and/or covered over. However, the original fenestration patterns remains. 916 and 918 are peak roofed brick rowhouses. They share a sallyport. 916 is 3 bays wide, 2 1/2 stories tall with a raised basement. 918 is 2 bays, 2 1/2 stories with a raised basement. Both buildings have stone windows sills and block end lintels. Both doors have transoms and side pilasters. The door at 916 retains its cornice. The cornice is removed from the door surround at 918 but dentils remain above the door. 920-2 is a 3 bay, 3 story simple brick building. Between 920-2 and 924 is a 1 story brick infill. 924 and 926 are gable roofed 2 1/2 stories Flemish brick bond rowhouses with corbeled cornices. 924 is 2 bays with a sallyport at its west side. Its windows have plain brick sills. The second floor windows have blockend lintels with circles. The door surround has a molded cornice with simple side pilasters. The building has marble steps and the door pilasters have marble bases. 926 is 3 bays wide. The windows have simple stone lintels and sills. Some 6 over 6 windows remain. The door also has a plain sill. 928 is a 3 story, 2 bay corner building. Its Exeter St. elevation is 3 bays wide. The windows have plain lintels and sills. Some 6 over 6 windows remain. The cornice has modillions and a wide frieze and the first floor shows the remains of a storefront. The Exeter St. door has a rounded surround with a keystone.

SIGNIFICANCE:

AREA:Architecture Level:Local

916-928 Watson (originally Salisbury) St. is a row of particular interest because it contains 4 ca. 1830 rowhouses. Although the row is isolated from its original context, due to demolition and modern construction, and therefore would not be National Register eligible, is still has historic value as remains of the early development of the city and contributes to the understanding of the growth of central Baltimore. The row is located near the early Jonestown settlement. Jonestown was one of three early communities which merged to form Baltimore City. The 1823 Poppleton map shows no development at 916-928. The 1852 Poppleton shows the block completely developed. 926-928 are of the late Federal Period or are transitional showing details of both late Federal and Greek Revival styles. 916-918 are Greek Revival buildings. The 1914 Sanborn map indicates that at that time 916 was a warehouse, 920 a machinery warehouse with a clothing factory on the second and third floors.

SOURCES:CHAP Files., Poppleton Map, 1823 & 1852., Sanborn, 1914.

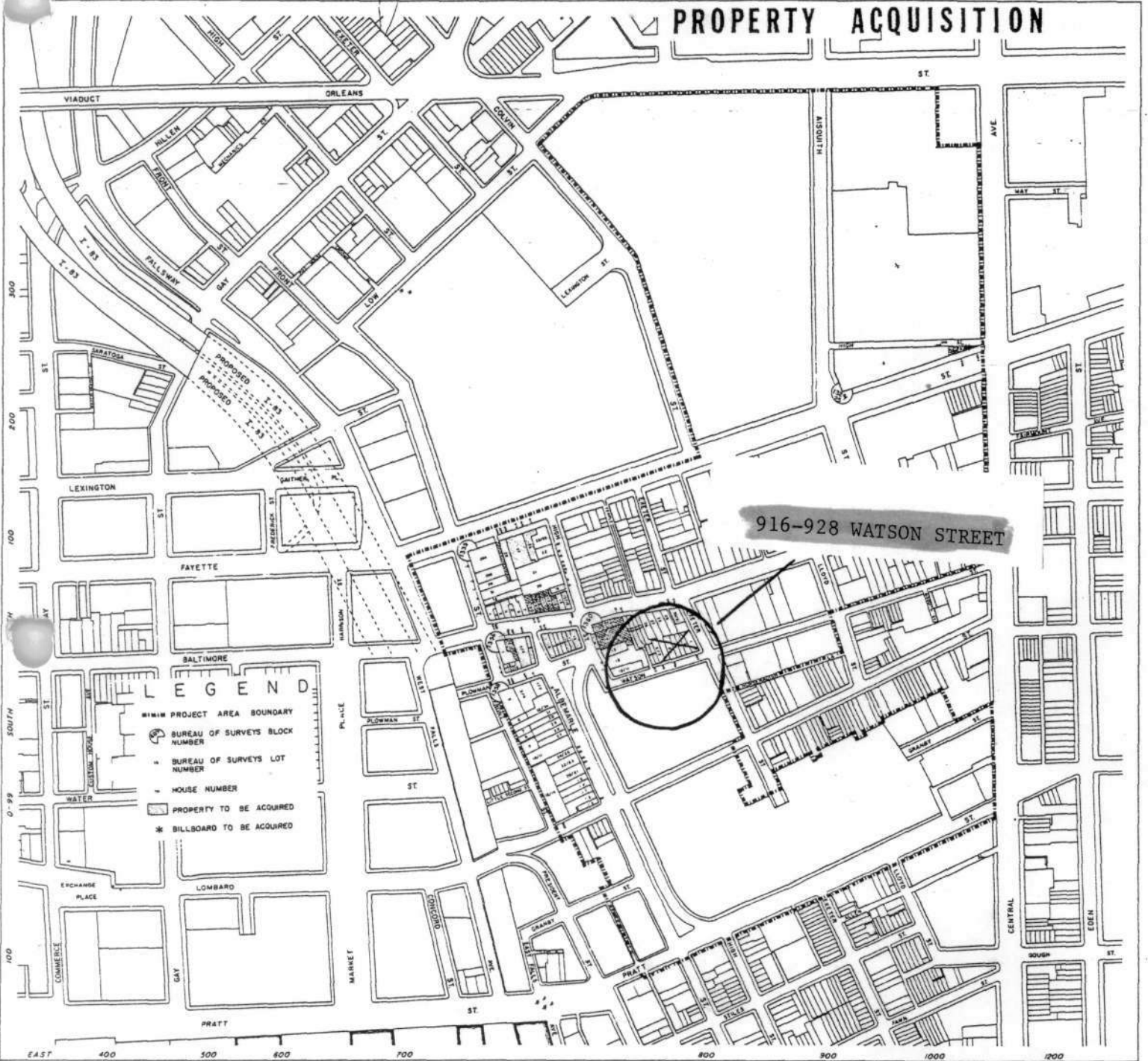
SURVEYOR AND DATE:Mary K. Mannix, October 1987



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 916-928 Watson Street
 Sanborn Map, 1914, reprinted 1953
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PROPERTY ACQUISITION



JONESTOWN

PLANNING DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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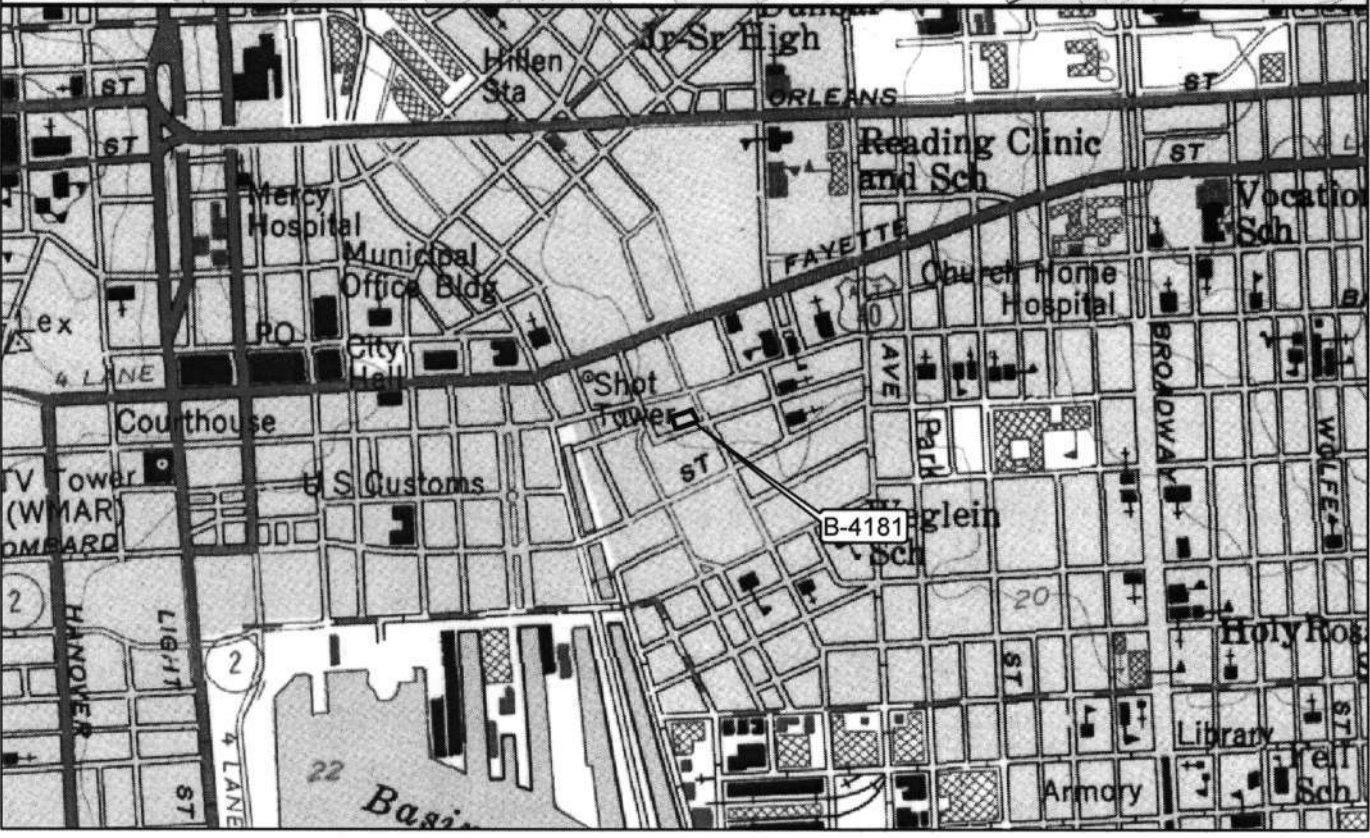
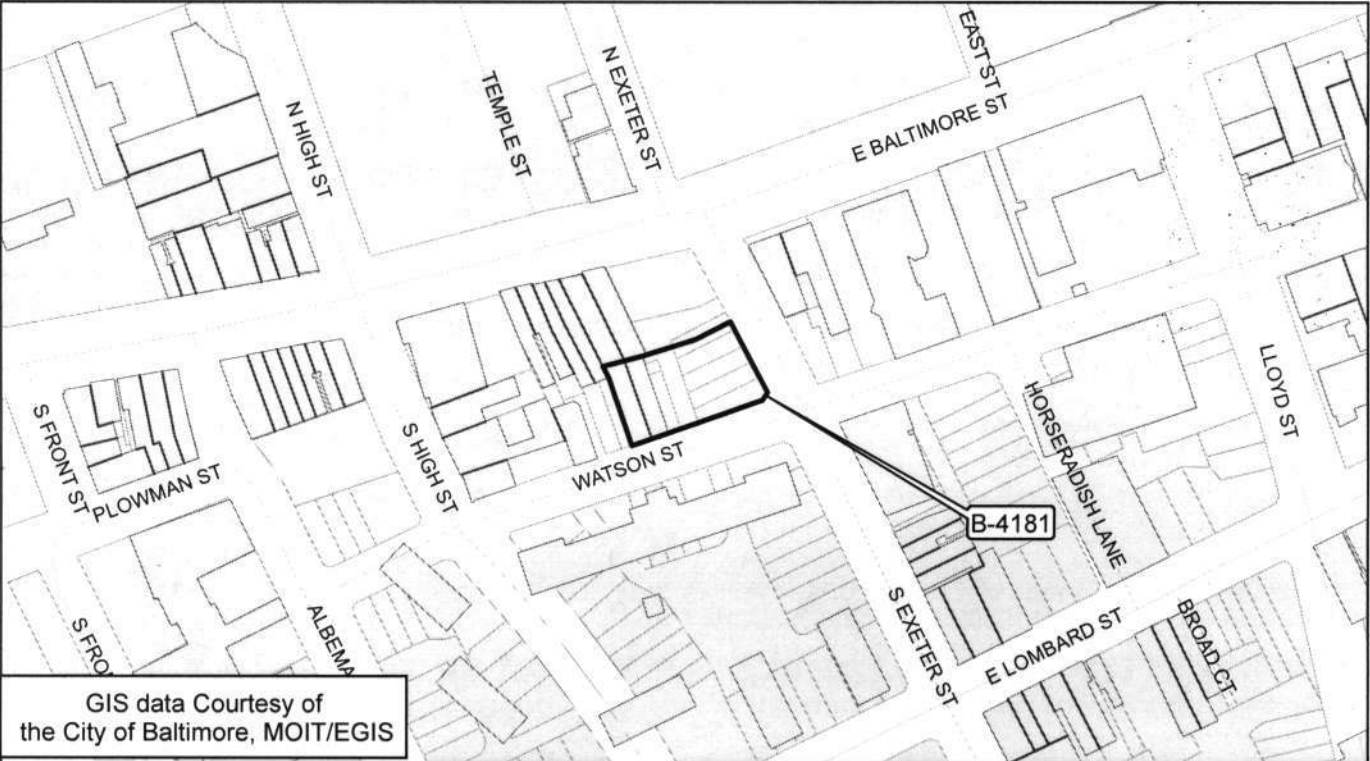
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EXHIBIT

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916-928 Watson Street
Block 1360, Lots 001-007
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.

Demolished





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916-928 Watson Street
Baltimore (City), Maryland
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Date: June 1987
Neg. Loc.: CHAP
Southwest elevation
1/2



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Baltimore (City), Maryland
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